

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-21 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-16, and 19-21 stand rejected.

Claims 7, 17 and 18 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. Claims 7, 17 and 18 have been cancelled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7, 17 and 18, and has amended independent claims 1 and 13 to include the subject of claims 7 and 17, respectively.

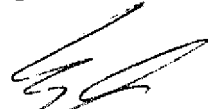
Applicant submits that for the amendments made to the claims, which are in conformance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, all the claims are in allowable form.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 8-11 and 13-16 as being anticipated by Brady (USP no. 6,140,146) under 35 USC 102 and the rejection of claims 5, 12 and 19-21 as being unpatentable over Brady under 35 USC 103(a), applicant submits that for the amendments made to the independent claims 1 and 13, which are in conformance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, the reason for the rejection has been overcome and applicant respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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